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Three-way race for MH mayor

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The nomination period for municipal elections on Oct. 22 closed at 2 p.m. on Friday, July 27.

In Minden Hills, Mayor Brent Devolin who appeared set to reclaim his position by acclamation, now has two competitors. He will be challenged by Wayne Hancock and Jarrett Campbell as head of council.

Longtime Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell has been acclaimed deputy mayor of Minden Hills. Current Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch did not seek re-election.

For Minden Hills' councillor-at-large position, John Teljeur will take on incumbent Ron Nesbitt.

The race in Ward 1 has heated up in recent days. The ward, which has two seats at the council table and encompasses the former Anson, Hindon and Minden township, now has six candidates.

Clayton Cameron, Jennifer Hughey, Richard Bradley, Dwight Thomas, Bob Carter and Rob Luke will each vie for one of those two seats.

In Ward 2, the former Lutterworth township, current Councillor Pam Sayne is being contested by Mike Grozelle.

While current Ward 3 Councillor Jean

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Fun in The Dining Room

Bedlam reigns as the actors portray four children attending a birthday party in the play *The Dining Room*. Mother Amy Leis, second from the right, attempts to maintain order in a scene most mothers would find familiar. Party celebrants include Richard Marchment, Sherry Davis, Tom Regina and Lauren McInnes. The scene is from one of 18 scenarios in the play by A.R. Gurney, in which six actors play 60 characters as the scenes follow an arc of 50 years. *The Dining Room* opened Monday and continues until Aug. 8 at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton./Photo by Lorne Campbell

Wind, hail causes damage in Minden

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Minden residents are recovering from the effects of a severe thunderstorm that dumped rain and golfball-sized hailstones on the area, damaging property and causing some nerve-racking moments for those waiting it out last Thursday.

Minden's meteorologist Scott Moore said his 88-year-old mother can't recall a storm like the July 26 event.

"For a thunderstorm, it was just a decent one," he said. "From a meteorological event, well, considering the pics I have seen from friends on [social media], that was some serious hail."

Local residents quickly began sharing photos and videos of the extreme weather online,

despite a power outage due to a fire at the Allsaw Flats substation.

Rachel Gillooly, who said she lives in the suburbs of Moore Falls, about two kilometres south of Moore Falls proper, posted the weather she was experiencing which alerted friends in Minden to the incoming storm.

"I was trying to heat up some soup on the barbecue because we had no power, and all of

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Hail dents cars, destroys gardens

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a sudden, this just like bang, bang,” she said. “It started very slowly but then escalated really quickly. And they weren’t even coming straight down. It was like some of them were travelling horizontally, these great big honking pieces of ice. It was nuts. I haven’t seen anything like that, we’ve been here for 20 years and haven’t had anything like this happen. Crazy snowstorms, but not crazy hail storms like that. We just all got nailed down here.”

The multiple directions the hail was falling in, as well as what felt like a 10 degree drop in temperature in less than 10 minutes time made Gillooly think of the potential for a tornado.

“Our eavestroughs could not handle it,” she said. “It just looked like a curtain coming off the roof.” Gillooly’s vehicles were dented by the hail, and her windshield smashed.

“The yard looks like, it’s very funny, the driveway looks like a golf fairway because of the shredding of the poor oak and maple leaves,” she said.

In Minden, trees were knocked over in Minden cemetery, Rotary Park, the back of the arena and fairgrounds, according to Mark Coleman, community services director. Hydro lines and poles snapped in the area of Invergordon Avenue and Stouffer Street.

“It started off as rain, and then it went from rain to small, almost marble-sized hail, then it just kept getting bigger and bigger,” said Chantel Smith, a Minden resident. “I had one a little bit bigger than a golf ball in my hand, that was the biggest we saw. Then the trees started blowing around and the weather got really grey and dark. There were really high winds and the trees were just folding in half. We grabbed our kids at that point – the weather just went crazy – and then at that point we ran to the basement because it literally looked like there was going to be, like it was the start of the tornado.”

Anticipating a possible tornado due to the intense nature of the storm, Smith said she kept her curious kids back from windows when the hail started loudly striking the glass.

“I was so scared,” she said. “I’ve never been so scared in my life ... I’m going to be 29 and as far as I can remember, the way it was yesterday was the craziest I’ve ever seen it. I was shaking. It went from just raining to quickly hail and then



Hailstones that fell in some parts of Haliburton County were golf ball-sized, leaving dents in cars, destroying gardens and shredding patio umbrellas. /Submitted by Cheryl Hamilton



Chantel Smith's daughter, Faith Taylor, announced there were "ice cubes falling from the sky." When the storm settled, she headed outside to shovel it, making for a rare end-of-July photo. /Submitted photo by Chantel Smith

bigger hail, bigger hail and then all of a sudden it just went nuts for 15 minutes at least. We were panicking. Then the trees were falling over in the park.”

Larry Moynes at Ridgewood Ford Sales Ltd. in Minden was kept busy the day after the storm estimating the damage caused to the entire inventory of 145 cars in the parking lot.

“They will be all fixed, and then they will be all sold with further price reduction from the employee pricing,” he said. “Insurance covers the cost to fix the cars, it doesn’t cover what we’re going to have to reduce them to move them.”

Besides dealing with the insurance claim, Moynes was busy with people bringing their damaged cars to him for advice.

“I don’t know whether it was maybe not quite as severe on our lot – it was severe enough that it dented all the cars – but we’ve had customers come in today with far more damage than what’s happened to our cars,” he said.

It’s expected to take three to four weeks to repair the inventory, which can all be fixed with paintless dent repair, without a need for paintwork.

“Well, nobody was hurt, so ... it’s just one of those things,” said Moynes. “Mother Nature, you can’t do anything about it. You just have to make the best of it and deal with it and move on.”

Home Hardware in Minden was busy on Thursday afternoon, especially due to the power outage that affected more than 22,000 county residents.

“We were running on the back-up generator here, and we were busy because naturally everyone was coming in for flashlights, candles, we sold out of all of our generators,” said Tom Walton, assistant manager.

Laughing, he added: “Everyone running at the last minute for everything they should have had beforehand.”

Staff was running ragged up until the store closed. “The thing is, nobody realized how bad things were out front until this morning,” he said. “We’ve never had anything like that happen before.”

Outside the store, a display of Adirondack chairs was destroyed, with about eight chairs smashed. “There were

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Traffic will be disrupted in Minden on Orde St., the Orde Street Connector, and Deep Bay Road from 7:30 a.m. to noon due to the running of the Highland Yard on Sunday, Aug. 5, 2018. Please be prepared for slow downs and runners.

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Minden car dealership pelted

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holes right through them, all over the place,” he said. “Very unexpected.”

The greenhouses on the store lot were spared.

“It was strange, I’ve never seen anything like that up here,” said Walton, who has been in the area for 15 years.

“We’ve seen hail before, it wasn’t the first time we’ve seen hail, but it was obviously harder than we thought.”

On Water Street, Faye Adamson’s garden did not fare well in the storm.

“[We] lost half of our hot pepper crop, hundreds of tomatoes, the zucchini and squash leaves are shredded, all the carrots and lettuce look pathetic, I have zucchini with welts in them, and to top it off, the light on my back deck shattered so now I can’t garden barefoot,” she said.

Adamson, the Haliburton County farmers’ market manager, relies on output from her gardens for her business, Water St. Market Garden.

“Without having greenhouses, I depend entirely on the sun to ripen my crops, so my harvesting season is further behind the other larger scale farms,” she told the *Times*. “I will have way less to harvest, and therefore way less to sell, less to preserve. And then the broken plants will be far more susceptible to insect and fungal attacks so there is a chance we will lose more than we already have.”

Environment Canada issued a severe thunderstorm watch for Haliburton County at 2:48 p.m. on July 26 that stayed in place until the early evening as approximately 23 millilitres of rain fell on the region. The storm brought winds that toppled trees and hail that dented cars, smashed windshields, shredded awnings and destroyed vegetable gardens.

“Yesterday was extraordinary because hail is not that common,” said Gerald Cheng, acting warning preparedness meteorologist, Environment and Climate Change Canada on July 27. “If we get hail, usually it’s pea-sized, smaller sizes, but we’ve got reports of golf ball-sized hail, larger than a toonie

– then it’s sort of an extraordinary event for us.”

Cheng said that in preliminary review of the storm, large hail was not reported in Haliburton County after the thunderstorm winded down. Toonie-sized hail was reported from London to Toronto, and golf ball-sized hail, about 4.5 centimetres, was reported in Birr, north of London. In the evening hours, a tornado warning due to radar was issued around the London and Woodstock area.

“When we went into yesterday there were basically two threats that were the main threats,” he said. “It was the gusty winds, possibly damaging gusts, and also hail. There were very few reports around [Haliburton’s] neck of the woods in terms of actual gusts. We did get some hail reports, they were around Haliburton, which was from nickel to quarter size, around 2.1 cm to 2.4 cm.”

Earlier last week, two storms had measured 10 millilitres and 33 millilitres of rainfall, effectively ending a fire ban on the morning of July 26 that had been in place since July 9.

“So it’s been a very rainy week, which is good, because I think for a moment there we were all complaining about the lack of rain,” said Cheng.

Cheng said the county will see less of the heat wave and dry weather experienced at the beginning of the month, and more rounds of showers coming through.

“It doesn’t mean we can guarantee rain for everybody but it’s just that the chance of showers will be there and they may develop, especially in the afternoon or evening hours,” he said. “We just have to watch how powerful they are. I see that even into the long-range, you might get a day that would be clear or fair, but otherwise we’d be looking at on-and-off showers kind of thing. I’m hoping there’s no more hail so it won’t ruin the gardens.”

Curry Chevrolet Buick GMC Ltd. in Haliburton is hosting a dent repair clinic with Dent Dynamics Inc. at the dealership’s location at 5065 County Rd 21 for the next few months to help car owners assess and repair the damage to their vehicles. Call 705-457-2100 for more information.

Schell acclaimed deputy mayor in Minden Hills

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Neville had filed to run in Ward 1, she has withdrawn to run again in Ward 3, where her competitor will be Russ Duhaime.

In Algonquin Highlands, Mayor Carol Moffatt will reclaim her position by acclamation. This is the third consecutive term that Moffatt, who also served a term as Ward 2 councillor, has been acclaimed to the role.

In Ward 1, Dorset and surrounding area, Julia Shortreed and David Lawson are candidates.

In Ward 2, the former Stanhope township, which has two seats, councillors Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen will be acclaimed to their roles, each heading into her third term. Danielsen is currently the township’s deputy mayor, that position elected by councillors themselves following the general election.

In Ward 3, Oxtongue Lake and surrounding area, current Ward 1 Councillor Brian Lynch will run against Jennifer Dailloux.

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August 30 – 9:00 AM, Combined COTW/Regular Council Meeting
Sept 13 – 9:00 AM, Committee of the Whole Meeting

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NOTICE SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING

Take notice there will be a Special Meeting of Council held on Thursday August 9, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. in the Minden Hills Council Chambers located at 7 Milne Street, Minden ON.

The purpose of the Special Meeting is for Council to consider the following:

- A Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan as presented by Jay Amer of Amer and Associates, Consultant for the project; and
 - The appointment of members to the Community Improvement Plan (CIP) Task Force.
- For information regarding the Draft Economic Development Strategic Plan, please contact Dawn Newhook, Clerk, at dnewhook@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 205.

For information regarding the appointment of members to the CIP Task Force, please contact the Planner, Ian Clendening at iclendening@mindenhills.ca or 705-286-1260 ext. 206

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Fire at Hydro One station knocks out power to thousands

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

At press time, the cause of a large fire at a Hydro One substation along County Road 21 on the afternoon of Thursday, July 26, had not been determined.

The fire knocked out power to more than 22,000 Hydro One customers in the area, or, in other words, virtually all of Haliburton County, for about a six-hour period that evening.

"It's still under investigation," Tiziana Baccega Rosa, senior media relations advisor for Hydro One, told the paper the following morning. "The fire's still smouldering."

While the county's fire departments battled the blaze through the night, Hydro One had power restored to areas affected by the fire at the station by about 10 p.m.

"They were able to re-route power through alternate lines," Baccega Rosa said. "We would like to thank all those affected. We would like to thank people for their patience."

She said Hydro One would have more information once its staff was able to re-enter the site.

Minden Hills fire chief Mike Bekking told the paper the department got the call for the fire just before 4:15 p.m. All four of the county's fire departments – Minden Hills, Dysart et al, Algonquin Highlands and Highlands East – were called in to battle the blaze.

"The fire marshal was there last night, and we did consult with him," Bekking, still on-site, told the paper the morning following the fire. "They were not called in for investigation, they were called in for their resources."

As for the cause, "I'd only be speculating," Bekking said, adding that causation had not yet been determined.

There was a severe thunderstorm in the county the afternoon of the fire, one that pelted Minden and surrounding area with large hailstones.

"The transformer is completely destroyed," Bekking continued, adding that, while he still had to consult with Hydro One, he estimated that would equate to at least \$2 million in damage.

While there were Hydro One employees on site when the fire began, Bekking said no one was injured.

A stretch of County Road 21 near the facility was blocked, and Bekking ordered an evacuation of residents in the immediate area. He told the paper about 25 households received the evacuation order.

"The initial concerns were concerning smoke and possible PCBs (substances used in the fluids of transformers) contained in that smoke," Bekking said. "It was later determined that was not an issue."

"The fire was contained at approximately 12:30 a.m.," Bekking continued, adding evacuees were notified circa 1:15 a.m. they could return to their homes.

Bekking noted "how well the services worked together, Hydro One, the OPP, EMS. It was a real team effort to put



A Hydro One substation on Cty. Rd. 21 caught fire the afternoon of Thursday, July 26. Power was out for more than 22,000 customers. Roads in the area were closed. /Photo by Emily Coysh



Many trees were downed or were causing issues for Hydro One following the storm on Thursday, July 26, such as these trees seen on Bobcaygeon Road, at left, or the cemetery, on right. /DARREN LUM Staff



this fire out."

"We appreciate the patience everyone had," Bekking added.

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin thanked the members of what he called an effective team for their handling of the situation, as well as residents for their patience.

"It was a complex fire, but we had a good outcome,"

Devolin said. "The evacuation, I think, was prudent."

The morning following the fire, about 1,500 customers in the county remained without power, although Baccega Rosa indicated those outages were as a result of general storm damage – branches on wires, etc. – and not the fire.

It was expected those outages would be resolved by that evening.

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Fire department contains gas leak on Gull River

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

The Minden Hills fire department contained a small gas leak into the Gull River on the afternoon of Sunday, July 29.

Chief Mike Bekking told the paper the department received the call about 2:15 p.m. for a fuel leak from a tank at a commercial property along the river.

"That small leak was contained," Bekking said, adding that the tank was subsequently drained and is no longer in use.

"Booms and absorbent material were laid," Bekking

continued, explaining that the small amount of gas that had made its way into the river through a culvert was absorbed.

"There was nothing downstream," Bekking said.

The Ministry of Environment has attended the site.

"Both us and the ministry are satisfied it is safe to swim in," Bekking said.

As a precaution, swimmers and tubers were told to evacuate the river on Sunday afternoon.

At Minden River Run, the tube rental company operating out of Rotary Park, tubers were told to get out of the river and company shut down for the day.

"They had to get everybody out of the river because there was some kind of fuel leak," Barb McCallum of Minden River Run told the paper, explaining their customers that afternoon were given their money back, and free passes for next time.

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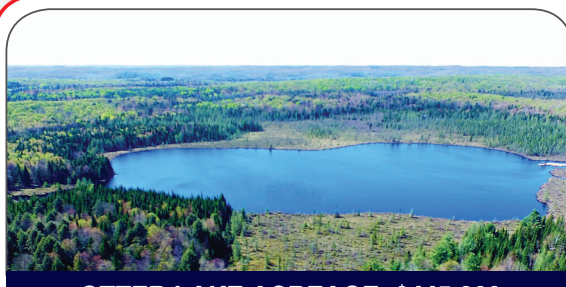
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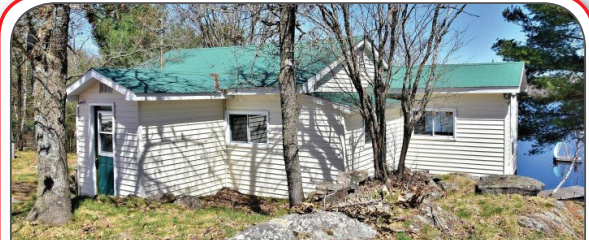
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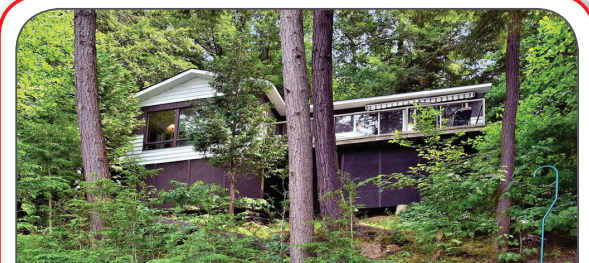


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Election season

THE NOMINATION period for October's municipal elections is over, and the lists of candidates for Minden Hills and Algonquin Highlands are in. You can find them in a story in this week's edition, but also published on the township's websites.

There are fewer acclamations than there initially appeared there might be, but still a number of them.

In Algonquin Highlands, Mayor Carol Moffatt will reclaim her seat by acclamation. It will be the third term Moffatt has served as head of council, and she has run unopposed each time. While this is not the most interesting thing from a journalistic perspective, three consecutive acclamations for the mayor's (formerly reeve's) chair is certainly an endorsement from a community satisfied with its leader.

"Thank you to the people of Algonquin Highlands for allowing me to serve as mayor for a third term," Moffatt posted on Twitter. "I look forward to continuing to work for the community."

Ward 2 councillors Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen will also reclaim their seats by acclamation, meaning three of five seats on AH council were acclaimed.

There are races in Wards 1 and 3, and readers will find out what those candidates have to say on various issues as the municipal election campaign unfolds.

In Minden Hills, for a long time it seemed like Mayor Brent Devolin may also be acclaimed to his second term. However, two last-day entries in the form of Wayne

Hancock and Jarrett Campbell will see a three-way race for the mayor's chair in Minden.

The only acclamation in Minden Hills is for the deputy mayor's position. Longtime Ward 1 Councillor Lisa Schell will be the township's new second-in-command, for the first time taking a seat at the county council table.

There are races for all other positions in Minden Hills. Most of them are two-person competitions, except in Ward 1, the former

Anson, Hindon and Minden township, where six people will vie for its two seats. That will certainly be an interesting race to watch.

While municipal government is the level of government we interact with most in our daily lives, it

has the lowest voter turnout of any level of election, typically hovering around 40 per cent.

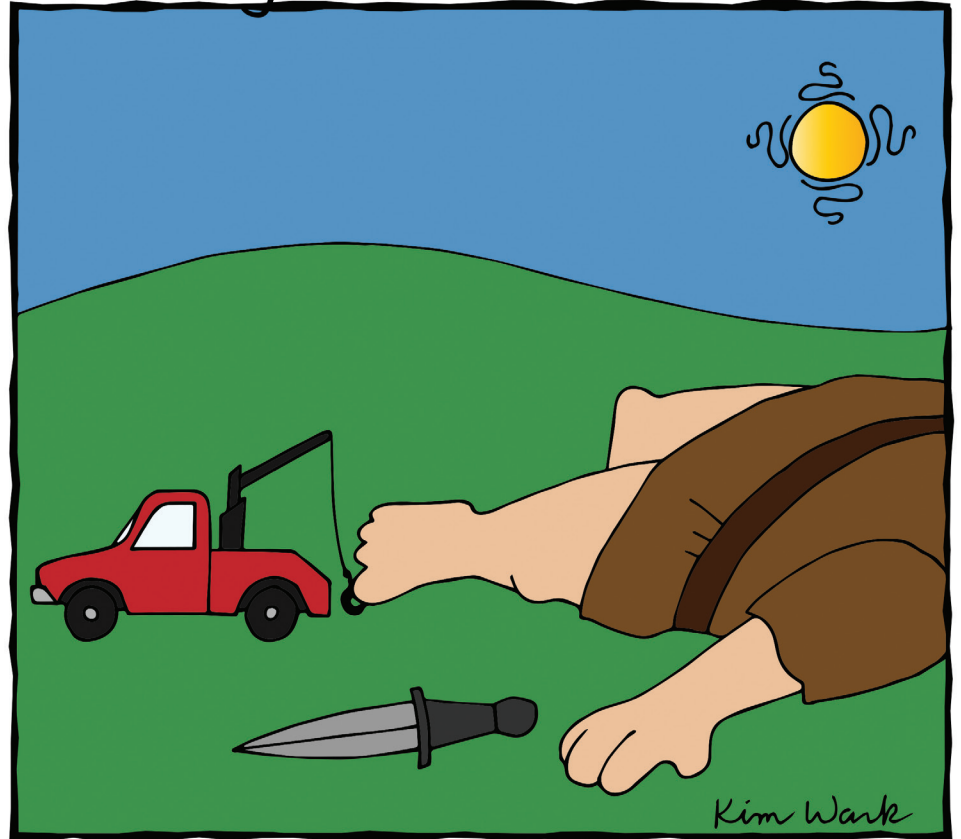
In the 2014 election, voter turnout in Haliburton County's townships ranged from 36 per cent in Algonquin Highlands to 44 per cent in Dysart et al. The figures for Minden Hills and Highlands East were 42.5 and 40 per cent, respectively.

Municipal elections are an opportunity to choose the people who make the decisions that affect your everyday life. They are important. So familiarize yourself with your candidates. Give them a call. Follow them on social media. Read about them in this publication. Attend candidates' meetings or events where they are speaking. And, on Oct. 22, vote.



CHAD INGRAM
Reporter

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Goliath's Tow Truck

Working from home

HERE'S SOMETHING that people who know me might have already surmised: working from home can seriously impact a person's mental health.

This was the first headline I read on my computer when I began another day of working from home – which is one more reason why you shouldn't laugh at my aluminum foil office helmet.

The story suggested there are things a person can do to mitigate the damage, however. Fishing and hunting and, basically, everything that doesn't feel like work, were among them.

Full disclosure: they didn't specifically mention fishing and hunting. It was understood. After all, they said one of the best things a person working from home can do is get out of their chair and move around. So clearly that's what they meant.

This is doubly true, if the person in the midst of losing his mind calls himself an outdoors writer and humourist.

Sadly, I can't just go out and hunt or fish any time I want – there are seasons. But I can leave my desk every few minutes to shoot a bow or fly cast on the front lawn – which, in the old days of insensitivity, people used to refer to as goofing off. Luckily, as of this morning, these things are now classified as mental health initiatives.

God, I love progress.

We live on a dead end road with three houses on it, so I can get away with this. Unfortunately, not everyone who works from home can cast fly rods and shoot bows during generous self-regulated

breaks – some people live in apartments, so they throw water balloons at passing cars.

I have been working from home for more than 20 years, so the damage to my mental health is probably extensive. Not to belabor the point but I'm an outdoors writer and a humourist.

As such, let me point out the article failed to mention other challenges associated with working at home – and I'm not just talking about the lack of enthusiasm for the in-house fantasy football league either.

No, the worst of these challenges is the temptation to walk away from your desk to do a bit of field research. The fact is 90 per cent of the deadlines I miss are a result of "field research." And the other 10 per cent are because the research was successful and I have fish to clean.

It's a rough life.

This column, in fact, is a great example of how productivity is impacted in order to preserve mental health. Sure, it could have been done on time, but at what cost?

I'll tell you at what cost. Had I just thrown caution to the wind and risked my mental health, I would not have practised with my bow, organized my fly boxes, taken a walk, and came up with an excuse to take the rest of the afternoon off. (It's to maintain my mental health of course.)

The best thing is once I finish this column and another for the magazine I work for, I can take the rest of the week off. Then I can go fishing, canoeing, shoot my bow and hike in the woods. I'll probably enjoy a nap or two as well.

The things you do to keep your sanity.



STEVE GALEA
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

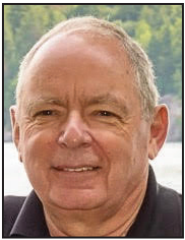
Columns and Letters to the Editor

Guns and change

HERE WE GO again. It is likely that the worry over rising gun violence in Toronto will bring new restrictions down on responsible gun owners who keep firearms for hunting and shooting sports.

Parliament this fall likely will pass Bill C-71 that will expand background checks for firearms purchases, which is not a bad thing in itself. However, Toronto's Summer of the Gun mayhem is producing calls for that bill to be toughened to make it harder for anyone to own a gun.

Some people are calling for a total ban on all firearms in Toronto. Toronto police have added support for that by saying that many (not a couple or a few or some) Canadians are getting gun licences just to sell their legally-purchased firearms to criminals. No one should fall for that pile of hyperbole without the police producing rock solid evidence that it is really happening.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

All this talk is being laid on legislators and my fear is that it will result in unfair restrictions on responsible gun owners. Gun controls are needed in today's societies, but they need to be developed with balanced and fair thinking based on evidence and not driven by pure emotions. Guns are important criminal trade products smuggled mainly from the U.S.

Aside from gun controls what is needed is a penetrating look at what is making our society so violent. Why do people shoot other people, or mow them down with cars? Why is there so much do-

mestic violence? Why has bullying become so prominent, particularly among children?

That penetrating look should include what is on our screens; our TVs, desk computers, tablets and smartphones. North American screen entertainment is shockingly violent and commonplace. You cannot turn on a TV without characters firing an automatic weapon, blowing something up or shouting at each other.

People I know are turning to British film drama, in which characters use cerebral weapons more often than guns.

We also need to start looking at violence – gun violence in particular – as a public health issue. Looking at gun violence the same way we look at a disease would promote much more and better research into the problem. Good research leads to understanding and understanding helps us to learn how to solve problems.

The rise of “strongman governments” also is helping to turn our societies more violent. These are the leaders who talk tough, lie and manipulate and who would rather throw a punch than negotiate.

We see them throughout the world now: Viktor Orban in Hungary, Daniel Ortega in Nicaragua, Tayyip Erdogan in Turkey, Vladimir Putin in Russia and Donald Trump in the United States. These and others are changing the way we think and act, turning our societies more aggressive, and abusive.

The world's voters, worried by terrorism, urban crime, uncertain economic times and cultural changes are turning more to tough guys who promise to kick butt and protect us from all the forces against us.

So it is “we the voters” who have brought ourselves to this point, and it is “we the voters” who can turn it around. Two suggestions on how we can create change:

One, mentioned in this space before, is elect more women leaders. I have concluded, somewhat late in life, that many women are smarter and more reliable than men. Women leaders generally are more compassionate, inclusive, and negotiate deals that are fair to all parties.

Second, start local, individual revolutions. Many of us view our provincial and federal power centres as dysfunctional, or least not functioning as well as they might. We should concentrate our power to effect change right here at home – at the local level.

David Brooks, a New York writer and TV commentator, recently wrote a paragraph brilliantly describing the power of localism.

He wrote that the federal policymaker asks, “What can we do about homelessness?” The local person asks Fred or Mary what they need to have a home. The difference is a personal, rather than abstract, approach.

Local approaches to power can bring change. But individual efforts are required. Simply put, we all need to become participants in creating change instead of simply being observers.

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letters to the editor

Cancelling bioheat projects unwise

To the Editor,

MPP Laurie Scott claims that when the Ford government does get around to doing something about climate change “it’s not going to be footed by the taxpayers.” Of course, this was exactly the case for the cap-and-trade program this government just cancelled.

Under cap and trade, large polluters had a choice of either buying emission permits or reducing emissions. Many chose to do both.

Funds from permit sales were directed to greenhouse gas reduction projects, such as the Haliburton bioheat project. Ms. Scott goes on to suggest that the government “is looking at all projects” before cancellation, but again what we

actually see is the government simply taking an axe to anything funded by cap and trade, including money-saving energy efficiency projects for schools and hospitals.

Clearly they are desperate to recover every penny they can in order to return it to the large polluters who are now out of pocket and not likely to agree to the government’s magic-wand plan to make its financial obligations disappear. As your front-page article on Durham’s climate efforts makes clear, the costs of inaction on climate change are going to dwarf the “savings” generated by cancelling cap and trade. Crying in our \$1 beer is not going to help.

Brad Cundiff

White water preserve unsightly

To the Editor,

When will the Minden White Water Preserve on the Gull River by Horseshoe Lake Road return to its former appearance? Construction of one half of the dam has left this scenic attraction unsightly. The roadway is still lined with stakes and landscape cloth. The paved road itself is bumpy gravel. The infrastructure installed for the Pan Am Games is crashed and lying crookedly on the shore due to flooding. A heap of

rocks is in the parking lot. Who is responsible for fixing everything up? Haliburton County (it’s County Road 20), National Structures, the construction company hired by Parks Canada (who re-did the dam), the Minden Wild Water Association, the Township of Minden Hills (the manager of Harrington Park)? Apparently none of these partner organizations is taking responsibility to restore this valuable tourist attraction.

Pauline Plooard

The Knee – Part 3 (Strengthening/Rehab)

FROM THE COLUMN, The Knee – Part 1 (Anatomy), we now have an understanding of how complex the knee joints are. From The Knee – Part 2 (Injuries) we know that the list of what could go wrong is very long. To recap briefly, the knees are a hinge joint that have some lateral movement, and they support our body when we are standing or in motion. It is beyond important to keep them working well to remain on our feet and pain-free.

Let’s start with how to avoid pain and suffering in the first place:

Weight Management: Keeping your body at its ideal weight is important to maintain good health. Period. Try this for fun – grab a 10 lb bag of potatoes and walk around with it for a few minutes. Better yet, climb a set of stairs. Once you’ve completed that task, put those potatoes down and repeat your steps. That activity demonstrates the difference an extra 10 lbs can make to the function of your body. Think about the extra force your knees are taking on with every step.

Strength: Keep the muscles that support your knee joints strong. These include your Quadriceps (front of upper leg), Hamstrings (back of upper leg), and the Gluteus muscles (buttocks). Squats, lunges and glute bridges are example exercises that keep those muscles strong. A proper balance of these movements will ensure that your knee joint is functioning in a healthy way.

Stretching: A tightening of any of the above listed muscles, and the Iliotibial Band (IT Band), will mess up the alignment of the knee joint. Movement of the joint

will then result in irritation and eventually damage either tendons, ligaments, cartilage, etc. Stretching keeps these muscles and the IT band operating at their optimum length. (Please contact me at laurie@thepointforfitness.com for a list of stretches.)

Rest: Know your limits. Be sure to allow an appropriate recovery time for your body after physical exertion. Not only will this reduce the chance of an overuse injury developing, but it also reduces the risk of you zig-zagging when you should zag, resulting in you ending up on crutches.

All of these actions can certainly help if you are experiencing knee pain. If there was a trauma (twisting, falling, dog running into you,

etc.) that caused an injury, get a medical assessment and treatment as soon as possible. If there is a consistent discomfort in the form of pain, swelling or limited range of motion seek professional assistance. From personal experience I can tell you that a few physiotherapy sessions can get you back on track. Especially if you follow the instructions with regards to the exercises that are prescribed.

Our knees are probably the most vulnerable parts of our body. Whatever you do, don’t stop using them. Just handle them with care!

Something to think about.

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County council chambers to get a video/audio upgrade

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

Haliburton County council chambers will get an additional digital screen, as well as an audio system that will include microphones for councillors and staff, and assisted listening devices for members of the public who may require them.

As a staff report from county IT director Mike March indicated, the county was successful in obtaining a grant from the Enabling Accessibility Fund, which will fund 65 per cent of the project, the remaining 35 per cent coming from the county. With total costs of just more than \$22,000, it means the county's portion will amount to about \$7,700.

Council chambers currently house two wall-mounted, 60-inch digital TV screens for the viewing of meeting documents. Both screens are located close to the council table. The addition of a 75-inch screen will see it put in place of one of the 60-inch screens, and one of them moved closer to the public gallery.

A wireless microphone system will also allow the public to better hear councillors, and councillors to better hear each

other. The wireless goose-neck microphones, operated by talk buttons, will be placed at the seats of county councillors and senior staff.

"The warden will have a microphone that will take priority over everybody else," March said, a priority switch still allowing the warden to control the meeting at all times.

Sound from the microphones will be broadcast through speakers mounted at the back of the room.

In addition, three assisted listening devices will be purchased for use by residents who may require them.

"These are little things that you wear on your belt that members of the public can sign out," March explained. "They have earbuds and they can listen to it in the back."

"I just think this is really great . . . it's really good for people," said Dysart et al Deputy Mayor Andrea Roberts, explaining she recently attended a meeting where people repeatedly said they couldn't hear what was being said.

"It's terribly frustrating for somebody who wants to participate in a conversation," Roberts said.

Minden Hills council has a similar system in its council chambers and Mayor Brent Devolin said it has worked well.

Australian resident fined \$1,200 for illegal work on Crown land

A Western Australia man has been fined \$1,200 for an offence under the Public Lands Act.

George Joyce of Mosman Park pleaded guilty and was fined \$1,200 for constructing a trail on Crown land without a work permit.

Court heard that between April 1 and Nov. 9, 2016, a trail had been constructed across Crown land in order to access Joyce's private property, which is located in a remote area south of the town of Minden.

Justice of the Peace Carl Young heard the case in the Ontario Court of Justice, Lindsay, on July 16, 2018.

The ministry reminds the public that a permit is required before carrying out any work on Crown land.

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MH rents trailers for landfill attendants

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills has rented four trailers that will temporarily serve as landfill attendants' shelters at its waste disposal sites, as the buildings the township had been using do not meet the building code.

The move came following a June 5 visit from the Ministry of Labour to the Scotch Line landfill site, where one of the sheds was found to be sitting in watery conditions.

"One of the recommendations from the inspection was to lift the first shed off the ground to get it out of the water," reads a report from property and environmental operations manager Ivan Ingram. "When staff attempted to lift the shed it was discovered that the floor joists are rotten. Staff purchased a shed. While it was being constructed, the chief building official and the CAO [chief administrative officer] advised it could not be used for occupancy because it did not meet building code, and staff had not obtained a building permit for the shed."

"The waste disposal contractor has advised that the sheds at the Ingoldsby, Ironmine and Irondale waste disposal sites are also unsafe," the report continues.

During a July 26 council meeting, Ingram told councillors that none of the attendants' shelters at any of the township's landfill sites are up to snuff.

"With the CAO and the fire chief going around and looking at them, they found that they were not acceptable," he said.

"I was asked to get some prices on alternate sheds for an interim period," Ingram said.

"The only company I could find was ATCO . . . they had four trailers available, and I immediately took them, and the result was a six-month term," he said.

The cost for that rental contract is \$21,300, inclusive of taxes, with the emergency purchase not included in the 2018 budget.

It was Ingram's recommendation that \$17,000 that had been set aside in the budget for paving of the road from the gate to the top of the hill at Scotch Line be redirected, along with a \$4,300 contribution from reserves.

Mayor Brent Devolin said he was not prepared to forgo the paving project, and, noting the trailer rentals were a temporary solution, wanted to know what the township was to do after the six-month period has elapsed.

Ingram said that costs for 10-by-16-foot shelters, sided and insulated, with overhanging roofs above their decks, would cost approximately \$10,000 each. For landfills at Scotch Line, Ingoldsby, Ironmine, Irondale and Little Gull Lake, the township would require five buildings.

"The only thing it doesn't include, and it's to code, would be the heating portion, and it would be my suggestion to council that we go with propane," Ingram told councillors.

None of the shelters are outfitted with electricity, and connecting any of them to hydro would be an additional expense.

"First of all, I'm just amazed that we ended up in a situation where departments are stopping each other from doing their work," said Councillor Pam Sayne, saying she found it incredible the various township departments involved couldn't have co-operated to get some buildings in place.

"Just to make it clear to everybody, this issue with the sheds did not come to me, it went directly to the MOL," Ingram said, adding that none of the information was brought to him, personally. "I never received any complaints about this."

"I'm more than willing to look after the health and safety of anybody, staff and contractors, but I can't do anything unless the communication comes to me," Ingram said.

Council asked that a staff report with recommendations on where the money for the trailer rentals would come from, as well as what the long-term plan would be for the new shelters at the landfills, come back to the table in a month's time.

"A month from now, a whole plan, costed, that meets all the criteria, needs to be before use, before we make a decision," Devolin said.



Minden Hills township has rented four of these trailers for its landfill attendants for a six-month period as its current attendant sheds do not meet the building code. /CHAD INGRAM Staff

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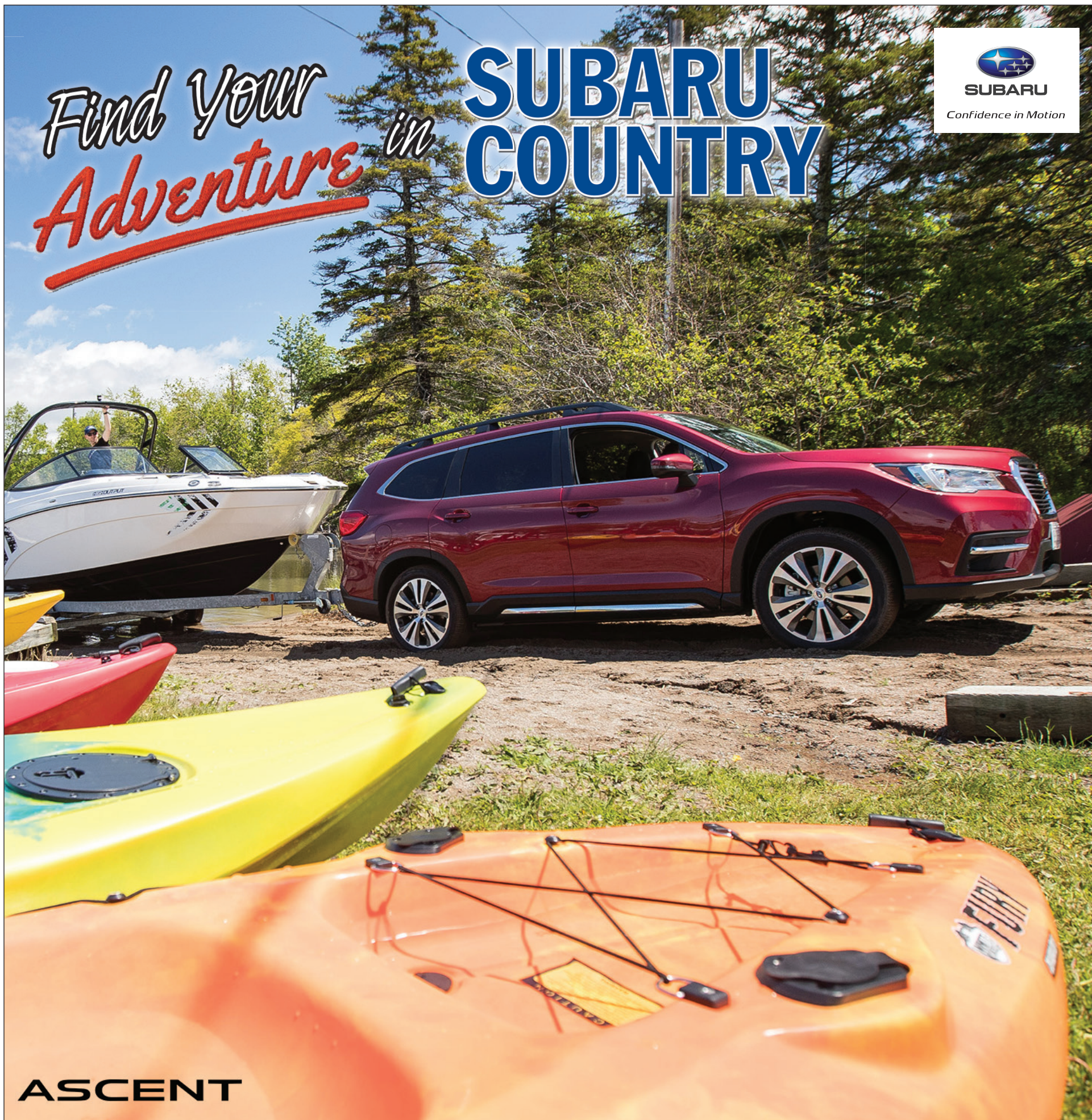
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The Bloomer Revolution

On Sept. 15, 2018, in celebration of 100 years of Canadian women's federal suffrage, the Minden Hills Cultural Centre will be having a parade and tea.

In advance of this, research will be done on the history leading up to, and following this significant event, which occurred on May 24, 1918. The research includes looking into many of the steps that women took towards the reforms which led not only to the right to vote federally, but also to the changes that took place thereafter.

Like today, one of the methods women used to protest, or show affiliation, was through clothing. In 2018 we have seen women wearing all black to the Golden Globe Awards, in support of the #MeToo/#TimesUp movement.

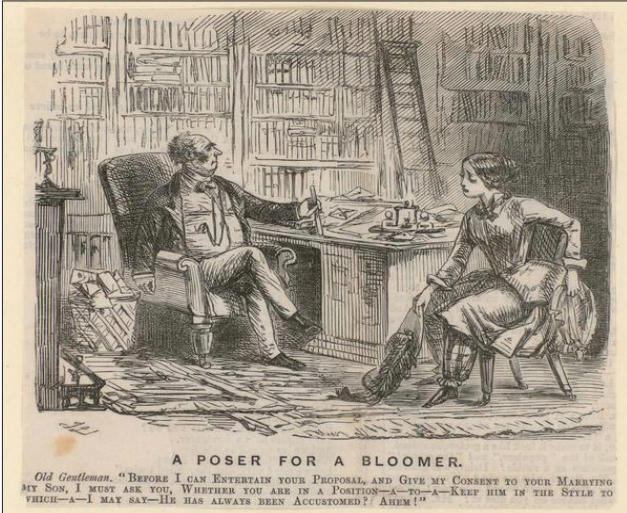
In the 1840s some women who were part of the first-wave of feminism (which focused largely on legal issues and the right to vote), started wearing baggy pants under a knee-length skirt. This was in response to the "keeping them in

their place" attitude that 19th century fashion imposed on women. The style was first created by Amelia Bloomer. Thus the term "bloomers" came to be. It refers to pants cinched at the bottom, worn longer, and underneath a skirt. This outfit did not show more of the body than traditional dresses of the period, but it was still found unacceptable because the trouser shape (in any form) was considered "for men only."

The bloomer style did not last long, and by 1860s not even Amelia was wearing them. However, they did re-appear in women's active wear in the 1880s, fulfilling their purpose of allowing women to participate, with more freedom of movement, in such activities as gymnastics, bicycling, and swimming.

Come and visit "Fashion Dictates" our clothing exhibit. It's located in the Museum at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, open 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Saturday.

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County begins process for strengthening shoreline protections

by **CHAD INGRAM**
Times Staff

As previously reported, Haliburton County council has decided to strengthen shoreline protection measures, and during a July 25

meeting, councillors discussed how that process will roll out. The county's current shoreline tree preservation bylaw prohibits the cutting of trees within shoreline areas, which means 30 metres back from the high-water mark.

An updated bylaw will include new protections for all natural vegetation, especially native species, within 30 metres of the high-water mark; regulate any site alteration within 30 metres of the high-water mark; and regulate the cleaning and clearing of land.

County staff will develop that draft bylaw, and an accompanying fact sheet. The draft bylaw will then be taken to the county's four lower-tier councils for their review. County councillors agreed that the draft bylaw should be taken to the new municipal councils who will be sworn in later this year, as they will be the councillors dealing with the ramifications of the new bylaw. There will be a legal review of transferring authority of shoreline areas in each municipality to the county. A public consultation process regarding the draft bylaw will also be developed.

A number of councillors have also indicated they would like to see fines in the bylaw increased. Increasing financial penalties requires approval at the provincial level, and Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin pointed out that, as has been the case in his township, requests for increased fines can be denied by the provincial government.

On top of fines issued by municipal governments, in cases of extreme infractions, if charges are laid, then residents can be taken to court, where they face steeper penalties.

"And so previous discussions have been in a similar thread, that by this conversation we are acknowledging now that . . . we have an interest in taking issues to court, which we all know are costly and time-consuming," said Algonquin Highlands Mayor Carol Moffatt, adding that if council was serious about cracking down on violations, it needed to make "a philosophical acknowledgment that we are in for a penny, in for a pound, on this."

The whole process is expected to be complete in 2019 or 2020.



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Opera season includes Browning and a Bechstein

by SUE TIFFIN
Times Staff

Valerie Kuinka is so excited about the numerous highlights of the Highlands Opera Studio's 12th season, the general director of the studio practically sings as she passionately shares the details of the 2018 schedule.

Highlands Opera Studio runs from July 26 to Aug. 27 this year, filling five weeks with almost 20 events, including karaoke and movie nights, concerts, community evenings and fully-staged operas.

Kuinka, together with her husband Richard Margison, artistic director of HOS, created the company in the area to bring opera to the Highlands.

The professional training program received applications from about 150 hopeful emerging professional singers from throughout North America as well as Europe this year with about 21 singers and two collaborative pianists being invited after competitive auditions to improve their skills, increase their chances of networking and potentially have more opportunity to find work, post-program.

After more than a decade, it's clear HOS has attracted a following of diverse fans, and – what is most essential to Kuinka – has given back to the industry and also to Haliburton County.

"Opera is just theatre to music," she said. "People often think they don't like opera, especially if they've heard a recording. They say, 'I don't like that shrieking.' But don't say you don't like a food until you've experienced it the way it's meant to be experienced."

Besides the variety of performances and offerings from the studio, some of which are accessible through an admission by donation option, Kuinka said it might be appealing to some guests that they can come to the events without dressing up.

"You can be on your dock all day, and then come out to a performance – don't feel you have to change," she said.

Masterclasses, which Kuinka lovingly compares to audition shows like The Voice or Canadian Idol, began last week.

The singers, aged 19 to 31, who arrived to the Highlands on July 22 for the HOS professional training program are "hitting the ground running," according to Kuinka, and many performed in the Masterclasses last week, while internationally acclaimed tenor Margison offered guidance as the judging panel. "You can hear the improvement," said Kuinka, of the impact of the 20-minute one-on-one sessions.

The first of three Community Monday events, "What's Opera, Doc?" happened yesterday. Kuinka said the casual discussions about opera that are punctuated by



Kurt Browning will be part of this year's performance of *La Bohème*

some live performances of opera and non-opera are "just a chance to break down some barriers and hang out."

"This is a 'by donation' event intended for everyone; those who might think our kind of singing is not for them, along with longtime opera fans."

Upcoming Community Monday events include a karaoke at McKecks night held Monday, Aug. 6 at 7:30 p.m., in which the community is welcome to join HOS participants in singing pop favourites, and a movie night on Monday, Aug. 13 – location to be announced – showing Puccini's *Tosca*, from the Netherlands, which stars Margison, Catherine Malfitano and Bryn Terfel.

HOS invites guests to five concerts this season.

From Opera to Broadway takes place on Wednesday, Aug. 1 at 8 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton. It features solos, duets and ensemble selections from famous productions of opera and the musical stage around the world.

More Opera to Broadway on Saturday, Aug. 4 at 8 p.m. at the Minden United Church in Minden also presents some best-loved works, but will be a different program than was offered in Haliburton. It's suggested that fans will appreciate both concerts.

Celebrations!, presenting the works of Leonard Bernstein, Gioachino Rossini and others will be held at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton on Thursday, Aug. 9 at 8 p.m.

Art of Song on Saturday, Aug. 18 at 8 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church offers "a different style of music," according to Kuinka. "It's a different offering – very beautiful, deep and poetic music." Sopranos Lauren Margison, Elizabeth Polese and mezzo-soprano Rose Naggar-Tremblay and collaborative pianists Geoffrey Conquer and Alexander Soloway will be sure to satisfy the audience.

An alumni concert on Monday, Aug. 20 at 8 p.m. at St. George's Anglican Church in Haliburton invites singers back from previous years, including Nathan Keoughan,

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August is the month of opera in the Highlands

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Andrea Nunez, and Mikayla Sage for opera and musical theatre favourites.

Concert tickets cost \$32.50 and are available via the box office phone line or online.

Margison and Kuinka always try to offer a Canadian opera that is not necessarily as well-known as some of the other stories of the season, and this year *The Glove & The Troublemaker* will offer a double-bill from the archives. It features the HOS emerging professional singers and also Beth Kipping and Curtis Eastmure, two veteran actors

from the community.

Puccini's *La Bohème*, the final opera of the season, marks Margison's role debut as Benoit and Alcindoro and also the main stage opera debut of Kurt Browning, World and Canadian national figure skating champion, choreographer and commentator, who lives on the same lake as Margison and Kuinka in Minden.

"We asked him, have you ever been involved in an opera?" said Kuinka. "He said, 'no!' So we said, 'how about your operatic debut?'"

Performances are Aug. 24 to 27 at the

Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion in Haliburton.

"I guarantee it will be hilarious," she said, and though she won't divulge much of Browning's role, she will say, "he will be wearing roller skates; that I can give away."

Kuinka is also excited to introduce the public to a Bechstein piano, considered a handmade masterpiece, which was offered to the company from an anonymous, generous Redstone Lake donor. This particular piano was made in 1888.

"If you were ever to go to Buckingham Palace, there would be a Bechstein there," said Kuinka, of the piano that Queen Victoria so appreciated in 1881 that it became a Royal Family favourite.

"We're very lucky to have it and very grateful to the members of the community

who came forward to accept this piano," said Kuinka, acknowledging that the piano required much care in moving and storing it properly.

Despite the success of the HOS, Kuinka did say it is an ongoing struggle to acquire funds to help operate the not-for-profit organization. Young artists attending the program do so free of charge.

"Every year we start from scratch with fundraising," she said. "It's tough."

Regardless, the venture is always worth it for what it brings to the community.

"The arts feed a part of the soul," said Kuinka. "It's not something you can put on a ledger."

For more information or to buy tickets, visit highlandsoperastudio.com or call 705-457-5646 or 1-855-455-5533.

Richard Margison, artistic director of HOS, will perform in *La Bohème* at the end of August.



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Join in falls prevention, social rec programming

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Just because it's summer doesn't mean the Community Support Services is going on holidays.

Through the Community Support Services programming, area residents are assisted with living a full and healthy life, whether it's the 12-week Falls Prevention Program, creative and physical recreation, or making connections with the Social Recreation Drop-in Program. Many of these programs are free.

Nancy Brownsberger, community outreach co-ordinator, said social recreation provides programming that fulfills the needs indicated by area residents.

"The common thread for social recreation is to provide community informed (what people say they want) programming that allows older adults and adults with disabilities the opportunity to engage with others in a useful and meaningful way. The purpose of these programs is to allow individuals to remain socially engaged with their community to enhance mental and physical wellness, thereby allowing them to remain independent and living in their own communities for as long and healthfully as possible as they age," she wrote in an email.

The Social Recreation Drop-in Program is held in Highlands East the second and fourth Thursday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and is featuring line dancing from July to August. There is coffee and colouring and some light craft making. A billiards table,

dart board, cribbage and board games are always available for participants to enjoy.

A second drop-in program may be in the works for Minden Hills.

Brownsberger said, "We look forward to letting you know what has been determined as we move forward with this exciting initiative."

The 12-week Falls Prevention Program is a free offering at the Keith Tallman arena on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 1 to 2 p.m. Aug. 6 and ending the week of Oct. 29. It is designed and delivered by a physiotherapy aid in consultation with HHHS occupational therapist to assess, educate, physically train and support participants to prevent falling.

The ideal participant is anyone over the age of 55 who is concerned about falling and learning ways to prevent it. Brownsberger said falls are the leading cause of injury in Canada's seniors populations. One in three seniors will fall each year, and falls are the cause of 85 per cent of hospitalizations of people over the age of 64.

People can register for free by contacting 705-457-2941 or by attending the first day of classes (a registration package will be provided at this time as well as an intake and belief physical ability assessment). The program is in Haliburton at the Ruth Parkes Room on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. In Minden at the Fireside Lounge in Hyland Crest on Tuesday and Thursday from 11 a.m. to noon. In Wilberforce at the Keith Tallman Arena on Tuesday and Thursday from 1

p.m. to 2 p.m.

Brownsberger said the Social Recreation Drop-in program is run in conjunction with a team of HHHS volunteers to assist with effective program delivery. They hope to co-ordinate educational sessions that focus on health and wellness and are currently

undergoing consultation with both providers and communities to ascertain what they would like to see at these sessions.

For more information visit the Community Support Services calendar of events at www.hhhs.ca.



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Help us shape our vision for the future of hospital care in the region

With the submission of a joint Directional Plan to the Board of Directors of the Central East Local Health Integration Network (LHIN) on June 27, Ross Memorial Hospital (RMH) and Peterborough Regional Health Centre (PRHC) have declared our mutual intention to propose an integration of the two hospitals into a single hospital network with two sites.

We are currently in the process of conducting extensive stakeholder consultation to help inform this proposed integration, and we want to hear your input, feedback and questions. RMH and PRHC are jointly hosting the following town hall events in the communities served by both hospitals.

DATE	TIME	LOCATION & ADDRESS
Tuesday, July 24	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Bobcaygeon Service Centre 123 East Street South, Bobcaygeon
Tuesday, July 31	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	Fenelon Falls Community Centre 27 Veterans Way, Fenelon Falls
Tuesday, August 7	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	McDonnell St. Activity Centre 577 McDonnell Street, Peterborough
Wednesday, August 15	6:30 to 7:30 p.m.	Peterborough Golf & Country Club 1030 Armour Road, Peterborough
Wednesday, August 29	7:00 to 8:00 p.m.	RMH Cafeteria 10 Angeline Street N, Lindsay

If you are unable to attend in person, please feel free to submit your input by any of the following methods:

Email: integration@prhc.on.ca or integration@rmh.org
Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RT98QRW>

For ongoing news and information related to integration:

www.rmh.org/about-ross-memorial/integration
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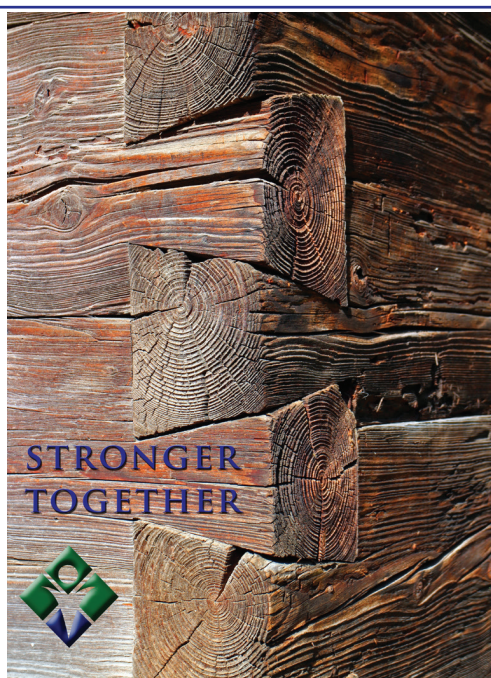
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Wed. August 15 - Minden Merchant Sidewalk Sale During the Day

Mon. August 20 – Fire Fighters Open House with OPP and EMS

Thurs. August 23 – Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers at Kawartha Dairy

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Marathon swim starts at 9 a.m. other events at 10 a.m. Visit www.klcoa.org for schedule.
Annual Sailing regatta takes place on Sunday, Aug. 5 beginning at 1 p.m. The sailing starts from Bull Frog Bay. Interested sailors should contact Jim Prince at 416-528-1739 or by email jimprince@sympatico.ca

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Miskwabi Area Community Association (MACA)
Wine and Cheese
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Salerno (Devil's) Lake Cottagers' Association
Annual General Meeting
Saturday, Aug. 4 at 10 a.m. at the Irondale Community Centre. Join us and share your ideas, thoughts & opinions and keep informed on SDLCA initiatives and community events.
Youth Lake Race
Sunday, Aug. 5. Youth aged 6 to 12. Registration starts at 10:30 a.m. Race starts at 11 a.m. Cost is \$5 per craft. Categories will be kayak or canoe. We will have staggered starts by age group and the first to cross under the finish rope for each category is the Winner. Check out our SDLCA website for further details on the race location! Active SDLCA membership required to participate.
Canoe Race and BBQ
Sunday, Aug. 5. - Registration starts at 12 noon at Salerno Lake Boat Launch. Cost is \$20 per craft. Active SDLCA membership required to participate in the Race. Kids' games, (Egg Toss, Shoe Kick), raffles and a great barbecue are at the Irondale Community Centre, followed by the awards, featuring the coveted hand painted paddles (designed and executed by Salerno Lake's own John Leonard) as First Prizes.
Kawagama Lake
KLCA (Kawagama lake)Annual Regatta,
Aug. 4, starting at 11 a.m.

Canoe and swimming races, kids beach games, arts and crafts, food, raffles and more. This takes place at Moorlelands Camp on Kawagama Lake. It is followed by a professional Fireworks display at dusk in the Bay near the Marinas. Donations can be made online at www.klca.org
Moore Lake Property Owners Association
Annual Golf Tournament
Sunday, Aug. 5 at 8 a.m.
Beaver Brook Golf Course in Minden
South Lake Association of Cottagers and Residents
Annual Corn Roast
Saturday, Aug. 25 at 12 p.m.
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Halls/Hawk Lakes Property Owners Association
HHLPOA Golf Scramble
Friday, Aug. 10
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Soyers Lake Ratepayers Association
Fun Sail
Saturday, Aug. 4 (No Wind Date-Sunday August 5). Collect at the north end of the lake at 2 p.m.
More Than a Corn Roast
Food and Fun on Saturday, Aug. 18 (Rain Date—Sunday August 19) 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Follow the signs to the north end of the lake.

Kushog Lake
Kushog Lake picnic:
Saturday, Aug. 4 - 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.
Pine Spring Valley Resort, Hwy 35 at Pine Springs
• Decorated Boat Contest: Sail Past at 11 am
• Land & Water Activities for Kids & Adults
• Swap table: Swap your puzzles, games, books, etc
Bring some money for refreshments (and your membership). Also bring lawn chairs, bathing suits, your neighbours and friends. Call Susan at 705-489-2627 for further information and to volunteer to help out.
Life on Kushog Lake photo contest Deadline: Aug. 31
Email your high-res photos to photos@kushoglake.org.
See www.kushoglake.org for contest rules.

Drag and Spruce Lakes
Ced Hurd Memorial Swim
Saturday, Aug. 4

Registration: 9 a.m., Race Start: 10 a.m.
Coordinators: Aimee Fink 705 519 240-5402, Christine Young 705 457-3622
Location : Leinauer's Beach
Novelty Swim Day
Saturday, Aug. 4
Location: Podmore Beach Time 2 p.m
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Fun Day and Hot Dog BBQ
Sunday, Aug. 5
Location: The Fish Hatchery , 6712 Gelert Road Time: 2 p.m.
Coordinator: Brian Hentschel 705 457-1022 (If rained out the alternate day is Monday, August 6th at 11 a.m.) Call Barb for confirmation or check website.
Twelve Mile, Little Boshkung Lakes Association
Regatta
Saturday, Aug. 11, 12 to 4 p.m., Twelve Mile Lake Beach, Chambers Rd.
Fall Road Cleanup
Saturday, Sept. 8, 10 a.m.

Canning Lake
Kayak Canning
Saturday, July 28 - Meet at 9:30; 10 a.m. start
Meet on the water at the Lithgow waterfront (west side of the big part of the lake along the shore just west of the point) at 9:30 am. Social paddle along the shoreline with lunch at noon at the Bacik cottage.
Family Fun Day * NEW TIME**
Saturday, Aug. 4, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Ingoldsby Park is where the fun is on Family Fun Day. Games for kids and adults, a raffle table (5 free tickets per family) and a free barbecue lunch.
Sailing Regatta
Sunday, Aug. 5, 10:30 a.m. for a 11 a.m. start
All boats and skill levels are encouraged to come out for a friendly sail. Meet by the double orange markers in the big part of the lake for an 11 a.m start.

Horseshoe Lake Property Owners Association
Rock bass and pike derby
When: Sunday, Aug. 5 (rain or shine)
Where: Muirhead Cottage, 1258 Reynolds Road (705-286-6593.)
The derby is for children and teens up to 18 years of age. Cost is \$2 per entrant. Bring your rock bass and pike (LIVE) to the Muirhead cottage, throughout the day, to be weighed. Final weigh in and prize ceremony is at 2 p.m. Fish fry, hot dogs and cold drinks will be served.

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Time - Your system needs as much time as you can give it to digest the waste you put in before the next load of water arrives. Remember – one drop in = one drop out of your system.

Give your system time by
Minimizing Water Use and
Spreading It out over Time.

Tip of
the
Week

RENT WISELY

Two people per bedroom is a general guideline of what a septic system was designed for. Overuse can cause back-ups, system failure and pollution. Need a poster to remind renters? We've got one for you: <https://www.cohpoa.org/resources/renting-your-cottage>

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90% of life in your lake depends on a Natural shoreline with deep rooted native trees and shrubs.

If 75% of your lake's shoreline is not natural your lake is headed for trouble.

Tip of
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Bring back the bees, butterflies and birds with native plants that attract life. They'll thank you for it by putting on a natural show while you sit back and watch their beauty.

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How to Win:

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(Only correct answers will be entered in the draw).

Play Each Week!

All qualifying ballots will be entered in a grand prize draw of \$1,000 cash to be held Friday, Sept 7, 2018!

Congratulations!

To Patricia Sperrino
who correctly answered the question: What % of the living creatures in my lake depends on natural shorelines for life?

Makerspace changing the way artist creates

by JENN WATT
Editor

The Community of Making, offering new tools and knowledge through a network of organizations in Haliburton County, has changed Tiffany Howe’s art and the way she creates.

Howe is a Haliburton-based artist who creates her work in acrylic and mixed media, including found objects and recycled denim.

Since she was a teenager she’s wanted to make jewelry with “upcycled fabric,” or fabric that has been used for a new purpose, but hasn’t had the resources available to her.

“For years I couldn’t figure out how to afford either the technology, software, materials, tools or time to make the idea reality in a way that was sustainable or fit in with everything else I do,” she said.

However, over the last couple of years, the Community of Making has been pulling together the equipment and expertise to help anyone looking to create in a new way. The Centre for Making, based at Haliburton School of Art + Design, has a space filled with machines that can cut, etch, print, embroider and build all sorts of objects. Other equipment is available at Canoe FM and at the Haliburton County Public Library. The library also provides a staff person,



Tiffany Howe says the Centre for Making at Haliburton School of Art + Design has changed the way she makes art. The equipment has allowed her to craft earrings out of denim. /Photo courtesy of the Community of Making

Noelia Marziali, whose job it is to help people through the process. (At the Centre for Making at the college, Scott Walling is available to help with the technology.)

Using Adobe Illustrator, Howe edited her drawings so she could use the laser cutter at the Centre for Making to

cut her designs from recycled denim.

“I’ve used the cut designs to make earrings to sell locally and in my Etsy shop,” Howe said. You can see her work on

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She was first introduced to the equipment in November of last year and then returned this July to work on her product.

"The process was much less intimidating than I expected. Noelia and Scott both have a relaxed way of teaching about how the software works with the machinery. They guide you through how to achieve the effect you're after without just doing it for you or leaving you on your own. It was the perfect atmosphere for me of feeling nurtured while building my skills and confidence. We edited my designs, adjusted my materials to fit in the laser engraver/cutter machine, and then watched my visions become reality," she said.

She called the Centre for Making "absolutely invaluable" for her.

"It is changing my career, teaching me new skills, and motivating me to keep dreaming up new creations because it has made me feel like it's all possible," she said.

She said there are very few limits to what can be created through the Community of Making – which also includes video editing and audio recording.

Making is not just a purely artistic endeavour. People have been using the space to create labels for their business, embroidering hats with company logos, etching images into coasters and creating gifts for special occasions.

Mike Jaycock, who has used the space to create art, is also planning to use their 3D printer to replace a part on his windshield wiper.

"I have ... a rear windshield wiper on one of our cars that doesn't work. I took it apart and it turns out it was one small gear and it's a plastic gear. So, I said to them [at the Centre for Making], if I bought that in do you think we could build that on the 3D printer? They said absolutely. I'm in the process of planning to do that," he said.

The Community of Making is holding "Monday Make Day" each Monday through to the end of August from 10 a.m. to noon. There is guided use of the equipment, which includes a 3D printer, laser engraver, vinyl cutter, plotter printer, embroidery machine, industrial sewing machine and more. There is also a pop-up maker hub, featuring introductions to tools and resources, at the Dysart and Minden branches of the library on select Monday and Thursday afternoons. Check social media for details. You can contact Scott Walling at 705-457-1680; or Noelia Marziali at 705-457-2241.



Tiffany Howe's new earrings created at the Centre for Making in Haliburton are now on sale. The artist said the Centre for Making allowed her to realize a concept she'd been thinking about since she was a teenager. /Photo courtesy of Tiffany Howe

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It was Jim's wish for cremation and a Private Family Gathering will be held at a later date.

Memorial Donations to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) or to the Zion United Church would be appreciated by the family and can be arranged through the Gordon A. Monk Funeral Home Ltd., P.O. Box 427, Minden, Ontario K0M 2K0.



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Study will determine location of 30 beds

Hospitals and Hyland Crest are involved

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

There will be a new study to determine the future of the two local hospitals, Hyland Crest seniors' home and the location of Haliburton County's 30 new long-term care beds.

At a meeting in Dorset last Tuesday, the Haliburton County Development and Planning Committee agreed that the issues surrounding the county's two hospitals, the seniors' home and long-term care should all be tied together under one study.

This study, which should be under way by the end of the summer, will be a joint project of county council, St. Joseph's Hospital and the development and planning committee.

The mandate of the committee, which has met six times since its inaugural meeting May 12, is to implement the recommendations of the Directional Plan for the county's long-term health, housing and social service needs which was completed a year ago.

The 13-member committee is chaired by Times publisher Jack Brezina and includes municipal politicians, health care and social service workers, residents and provincial officials.

Its first two priorities are to determine the best locations for the 30 new beds which the province approved for Haliburton County last year and to oversee a study of Hyland Crest and Minden Hospital.

Last Tuesday was the first time a committee meeting was open to the public. The first six

meetings were used to give members an overview of the issues involved.

In his opening statement, Brezina said he is aware that some members are frustrated with the seemingly slow progress so far, but he said the pace of the committee's work will quicken as it begins to make decisions.

The committee broke into two groups to discuss the feasibility study and how to allocate money and beds throughout the county.

The province has committed \$2.3 million in capital funding, but the community must contribute one-third of any money spent.

The county has already set aside \$266,000, which was supposed to have been used for the 18-bed chronic care addition to the Haliburton Hospital. That money can be used to cover the community's cost of establishing the long-term beds.

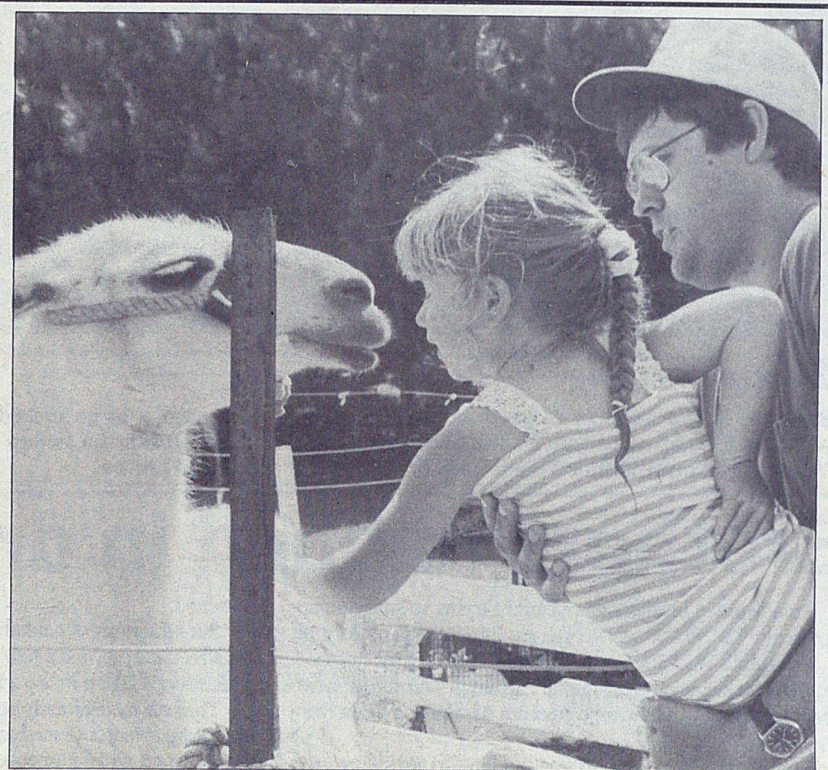
The public money raised for the 18-bed addition has now grown to more than \$600,000, which is being held in trust by the St. Joseph's Hospital Foundation.

It is unclear whether that money can be used by the committee or not. The committee is planning to meet with the executive director of the foundation this week to find out the status of the money raised by the community.

The discussion on where to locate the beds generated some debate among committee members.

Doug Campbell put forward a proposal that the committee agree, in principal, that the

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Love my llama

photo by Carol Moffatt

Sarah Burleson makes a friend from the animal kingdom during Saturday's Fun Day in Stanhope. For more coverage of the return of this popular annual event, please see the Second Section.

Ministry approval still needed for study of Minden Hospital

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

The ministry of health has not yet answered the request from St. Joseph's Hospital to cover the deficits of the Haliburton and Minden Hospitals for the next two years.

This Friday is the deadline imposed by the St. Joseph's board of trustees to get a positive answer from the ministry before taking "drastic action."

In June the hospital announced that the combined operating deficits of the Minden and Haliburton Hospitals would total \$175,000 and it would be unable to cover that amount.

It submitted a proposal to have the province cover

the deficits for a two year grace period while the amalgamation of the Minden Hospital and Hyland Crest seniors' home is pursued.

Last week, St. Joseph's executive director Frank Lussing said the ministry had not yet responded to the hospital's request except to say they would be back to him about it.

Lussing met with the Haliburton County Planning and Development Committee to discuss the situation and there is an agreement to undertake a joint feasibility study of Hyland Crest and Minden Hospital. The county, which owns the seniors' home, is also going to be asked to participate.

Work has already begun on drafting a request for proposals from consultants inter-

ested in doing the feasibility study.

At a meeting of the Twelve Mile Lake and Little Boshkung Property Owners Association on Saturday, Minden Reeve Bern Berry said he believes its possible the Minden Hospital might be closed.

"I feel if the ministry doesn't say okay, I think we are in danger of losing our little hospital in Minden," he said. He encouraged residents to lobby the ministry on behalf of the hospital.

"It might help if you sent a letter to the ministry of health explaining to them how valuable the hospital is," said Berry. "I would appreciate it if you took pen in hand."

by Jay Kerr-Wilson

The Ministry of Health has asked Minden council to retain control of the Haliburton County Ambulance Service for the next two months.

In May, council gave the ministry 90 days notice that it wanted out of the ambulance business, and this Friday was supposed to have been the date to complete the transfer.

But last week the ministry contacted the municipality and asked that it retain control during an interim period so issues arising from the transfer can be resolved.

During last Thursday's council meeting, Reeve Bern Berry hinted at further developments in the negotiations telling councillors he had "surprising news" about the ambulance service.

Details were not revealed however and council discussed the issue in a closed session after the regular council meeting ended.

The on-going negotiations also involve the ambulance employees who are represented by

the Ontario Public Service Employees Union.

In an interview on Saturday, union spokesman Ian Douglas called meetings last week with the ministry productive, but would not discuss details.

"We're back discussing a possible solution with the ministry," he said. "We want the best solution for all concerned."

Minden council decided to divest itself of the service because councillors felt ministry funding, which is supposed to cover the entire cost of running the service, did not compensate the township for the time and effort spent on administering the service.

Because the service covers all of Haliburton County, it was felt that Minden taxpayers should not be subsidizing the cost of operating the service.

Reeve Bern Berry approached the county's management committee about taking over the service, but the committee did not accept the offer.

In the weeks following council's an-

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The Times will publish next Tuesday

Monday, August 3 is a civic holiday throughout much of Ontario and as a result we will publish a day later next week. The Times will be delivered to stores and post offices on Tuesday morning, and the office will be closed on Monday. The Thursday deadlines for advertising and copy still apply.

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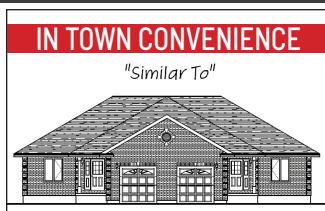
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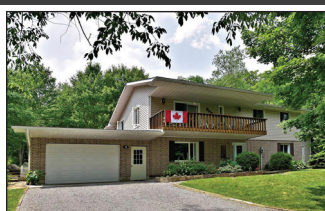
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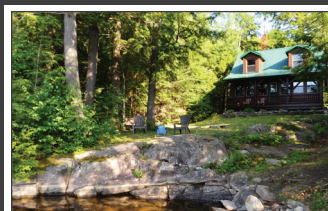
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